

§ 143B-939. Criminal record checks for adult care homes, nursing homes, home care agencies, and providers of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services.

The Department of Public Safety may provide to the following entities the criminal history from the State and National Repositories of Criminal Histories:

- (1) Nursing homes or combination homes licensed under Chapter 131E of the General Statutes.
- (2) Adult care homes licensed under Chapter 131D of the General Statutes.
- (3) Home care agencies licensed under Chapter 131E of the General Statutes.
- (4) Providers licensed under Chapter 122C of the General Statutes, including a contract agency of a provider that is subject to the provisions of Article 4 of that Chapter.

The criminal history shall be provided to nursing homes and home care agencies in accordance with G.S. 131E-265, to adult care homes in accordance with G.S. 131D-40, and to a provider in accordance with G.S. 122C-80. The requesting entity shall provide to the Department of Public Safety, along with the request, the fingerprints of the individual to be checked if a national criminal history record check is required, any additional information required by the Department of Public Safety, and a form signed by the individual to be checked consenting to the check of the criminal record and to the use of fingerprints and other identifying information required by the State or National Repositories of Criminal Histories. If a national criminal history record check is required, the fingerprints of the individual shall be forwarded to the State Bureau of Investigation for a search of the State's criminal history record file, and the State Bureau of Investigation shall forward a set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. All information received by the entity shall be kept confidential in accordance with G.S. 131E-265, 131D-40, and 122C-80, as applicable. The Department of Public Safety shall charge a reasonable fee for conducting the checks authorized by this section. The fee for the State check may not exceed fourteen dollars (\$14.00). (2000-154, s. 1; 2003-214, s. 1(2); 2005-4, s. 5(b); 2014-100, ss. 17.1(m), (o).)